



Nature based integration – examples from Denmark

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Agenda

- Ethnic minorities outdoor recreation in Denmark
- Policy and societal context
- Stakeholders – and Danish examples of nature based integration

What do we know (Danish context)

- Bigger groupsize
- Longer visits (time)
- More frequent public transportation
- Fewer, and less frequent visits (forests and areas outside cities)
- Higher fear of meeting dangerous animals
- Socialising – food.
- Prefer urban green spaces (Adolescents use these on almost daily basis).

Societal and Political context

- Ethnicity – country of origin
- Policy approach – integration (labour, education)
- Natural areas not seen as resource for integration – only few spread approaches.
- No specific mentioning of access of ethnic minorities in legislation natural areas.
- Research mainly descriptive – explorative – differences and similarities.



Outdoor recreation policy (2015)

"All groups should have the possibility to use nature – and have benefit of it. Also the vulnerable groups"

(Ministry of the Environment, 2015)

It could be argued...

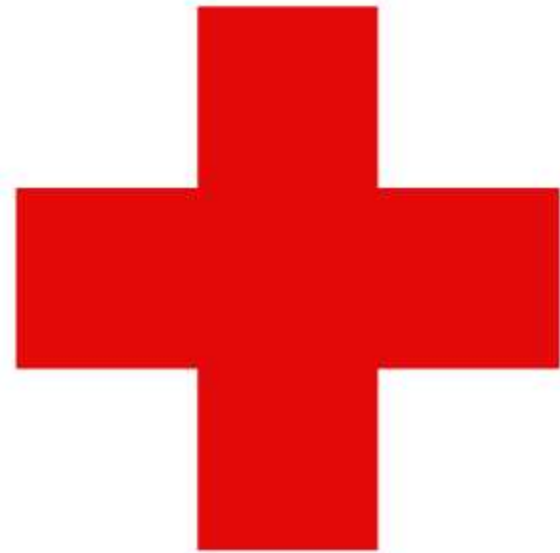
Deprived groups – yes they have the opportunity, but do they also have the knowledge to use their opportunity?

Groups with limited experiences with natural areas – e.g. refugees, asylum seekers, immigrants?



Stakeholders – NGO's

- Democratic memberorganisation
- 210 local departments
- Runs asylum centers in Denmark
- 25.000 volunteers engaged in different kinds of vounteer projects i.e. refugees, elderly and vulnerable people.



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Social housing areas

- Long tradition for involving renters in social activities.
- Examples of social activities and gardening projects several places.

NGO's – Venligboerne The people's network

- Facebook-driven network
- Connects "Danes" and refugees.
- App. 24.000 members
- Variety of activities – organisation of furniture, activities, social gatherings eg. Dinner etc.



NGO's – Dansk Flygtningehjælp – Danish Refugee Council

- Humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit organisation
- Works with refugees matters in more than 30 countries throughout the world
- Collaborates with app 8.000 volunteers in Denmark



A variety of activities...



Pictures: Danish Refugee Council

Danish Municipalities

- Housing
- Social benefits
- Plan for integration (1 year)
- Daycare/School



Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark)

- Familieklubber (Family clubs – Social housing areas) nature-activities are provided
- Project "You laugh with your entire body", nature-based programme for traumatised refugees and their families.



Nature Agency

- Collaboration between municipality and Nature Agency on integration.
- Includes nature (eg. Invasive species, nature preservation etc.) in activities
- Supplements municipalities' integration programme – "ready to work"



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Naturven (Nature based integration)

- Danish Refugee Council & Forest and Landscape College, UCPH.
- 5 municipalities,
- Nature interested refugees/immigrants and integration-interested "nature-loving" ethnic Danes
- Budget 1.2 mill. Dkr. Includes funding for eg. equipment
- Activities spring, summer, autumn 2017
- Evaluation and documentation
- [If funded: conference for practitioners (in Danish)]

Questions?

